



Sunriver Christian Fellowship

An ecumenical and interdenominational fellowship
Sponsored by the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches

September 2020

Dear Family,

Traditionally, September is what I call the “Church Kick-Off Month” due to its identity as the launching time for a new season of church ministry – new Bible studies and classes for all ages, restarting various music-groups, the beginning time to kick into high gear all types of preparation for various holiday events, etc.and then. . . COVID showed up!!! Needless to say, this fall will look like no other in our recent history. Following social distancing and other safety protocol updates will be the guiding star as to how we proceed.

The fall is also the time, notably in October, when we talk about stewardship. In my case this means putting together and distributing the annual “Time & Talent Form” which identifies a variety of ministry avenues through which the SCF family members can utilize and express their giftedness on behalf others. In talking with the Management Board about the “2021 Time & Talent Form,” it was decided to postpone it being mailed out until January 2021 when we have a better idea about COVID’s status and impact.

Having said that, I have been reminded again that ministry is not confined to our “how-we’ve-always done it” formats. The current pandemic has provided us the opportunity to continue serving and even discover some new ways to serve that may even be better than our previous formats.

I’ve been impressed by Care & Share’s willingness to continue its efforts on behalf of the many in our area who need food assistance. Intentional safety protocols were established for the volunteers in their preparation of food boxes, and for the recipients to follow when picking up their box.

Several SCF leaders are regularly calling the SCF family to keep updated on concerns and needs. Stephen Ministry workers are providing continued support with those they are serving via phone calls and emails.

Worship volunteers are making possible the weekly production of the Alternative Worship Service.

When we send out prayer requests to our Intercessors regarding individuals and families dealing with health issues or the loss of a loved one, prayers and cards of encouragement and comfort are providing needed support to those facing difficult challenges.

Though this fall will be different, opportunities are available to serve each other. Thank you for your continued support of Pastor Nancy and myself. Your prayers and encouraging thoughts keep us going!

Rob



A DIFFERENT FALL MUSIC-WISE

Normally September is the “music-launching month” for SCF’s bell choir and vocal choir. However, the COVID challenge has suspended any fall start-up activity, at least in the traditional sense.

Under director Shelley Giaier’s coordination efforts, several different bell ensembles have been formed out of the large bell choir. Many have already provided special music during our summer online Alternative Worship Services. These small ensembles will continue to enhance our worship services throughout the fall at least twice a month. On several occasions, the ensembles have recorded their musical selection in an outdoor setting which has enhanced their presentation (especially if a plane flies overhead!).

The vocal choir has some different challenges. Due to social distancing requirements and in particular the recent understanding of how far one’s “mouth-projections” can travel and remain in the air, vocal music will have to be limited to either solos or small ensemble groups of not more than four. However, one new feature that is being implemented is having either an individual or a duet sing the weekly hymns included in the recorded Alternative Worship Service. Presently, the words of all congregational songs are included on the weekly Alternative Worship service video so viewers can sing along if they wish. It was felt that if someone(s) were also singing those songs, many others might feel more comfortable joining in.

Though not fully developed, there is a plan to offer a “Virtual Christmas Program” that can be offered to the SCF family and community in December. You’ll be kept informed about this possibility in the next couple of months.

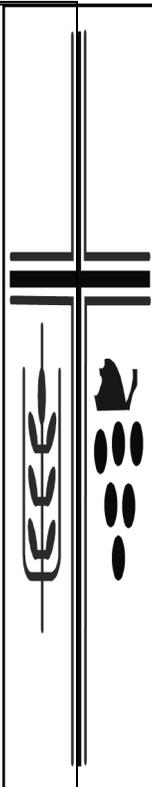
Schedule of Upcoming Services: July-August 2020

SERVICES ON THE SCF WEBSITE

The plan is for all services to be available for viewing on the SCF website on the date of celebration and will remain posted: www.sunriverchristianfellowship.org

You can either listen to an audio recording or watch a video & audio recording of the following worship services. Just select the appropriate icon.

- Sept. 6: The 14th Sunday after Pentecost**
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
- Sept. 13: The 15th Sunday after Pentecost**
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
- Sept. 20: The 16th Sunday after Pentecost**
The Rev. Chuck Christopher
- Sept. 27: The 17th Sunday after Pentecost**
Bishop Laurie Larson Caesar (ELCA)
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
- Oct. 4: The 18th Sunday after Pentecost**
The Rev. Canon Nancy Green



SCF MANAGING BOARD VACANCY

With deep regret, Dana Gregg resigned from the Managing Board in late June. She cited the need to focus more time on her own wellness, family, and professional commitments. The Board will miss her enthusiasm, work ethic, and dedication to the well-being of SCF. The Managing Board is actively seeking a replacement from the Episcopal or Lutheran members of the congregation.

SHREDDING & DRUG DISPOSAL EVENT

September 12, 10 a.m. to noon the shredding truck and drug disposal site will be at the SR Police Station. A contribution of non-outdated canned food for Care and Share would be appreciated.

BOTTLE COLLECTION FOR JULY

Another great month, a total of \$994.90. \$619.90 cash and a check from Oregon bottle drop of \$375.00. Our thanks to Gene Bennington who took 20 bags to the bottle drop location.

Thanks to all of you. Steve Austin

STEPHEN MINISTRY

We like to think of summer as being a relaxing, enjoyable time. But hurts, struggles, crises, and problems don't take a vacation. And COVID-19 has meant we are more isolated from family and friends. If you are experiencing a difficult time—emotionally, spiritually, or relationally—you don't have to suffer alone. Our Stephen Ministers are trained caregivers, ready to listen, care for and encourage you, pray with and for you, and provide one-to-one Christian care to help you through whatever it is that you are facing. It's confidential. And it will make a difference in your life!

To find out more about Stephen Ministry for you or someone you know, talk with one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders: Shereda Benfield 503-998-4308



- *Al Tweit*—leg strength
- *Susan Weber*—dealing with Parkinson's
- *Aedan*—great-grandson of Karen Newcomb, birth defect
- *Bernadine & Jim Foster*—lung & heart issues
- *William Lambertson*—grandson of Sandra Rodgers, in long-term recovery; assault
- *Marianna Wiper*—under chronic pain
- *Olivia Long*—living with complications from epilepsy; granddaughter of Jenny & Dave Long
- *Cathy Blinn*—sister of Roy Green; battling metastatic cancer
- *Parker*—grandniece of Allison Weatherhead; fighting acute lymphoblastic leukemia
- *Kathy Salquist*—MRSA bacterial infection
- *Bergen Bull*—slight tear in the esophagus; recovering
- *Jean Rice*—recovering from tumor removal surgery
- *Dick Chapin*—in hospice care
- *Gail Manary*—fighting cancer
- *Bob Vogel*—fighting cancer
- *Susan Sloan*—fighting cancer
- *Melanie Webb*—fighting cancer; daughter of Sharon & Gene Krueger;
- *Mike Brannan*—extreme back pain
- *Elizabeth Stearns*—foot pain & balance issues
- *Dick Mathison*—pain & weakness issues
- *Laura Webb*—emotional issues

Prayer Needs



Transformed to Love & Serve – the Goal of the Education Ministry of SCF
Ongoing Groups: These groups continue to meet throughout the year

Feminine Spirituality Group: NEW LOCATION
 Mondays, 10-11:30 a.m., Sunriver Library

Rising Strong by Brené Brown
 Contact Jane Boubel
 All women are invited. Topics evolve related to interest.

POSTPONED

Men's Group: Mondays, 6:30 a.m. Contact: Frank Brocker (541-593-7396)

Centering Prayer Group
 Wednesdays, 3-4 p.m., Children's Room
 Contact: Bette Butler 541-647-7982 (cell/text), butlerbdewitt@gmail.com

An Update on SCF's Search for a Permanent Home

The pandemic has made communicating a bit challenging since we have limited face time with each other. So, I am taking the opportunity to share an update on our search for a permanent home via the Monthly Newsletter.

Several months ago, the owners of the Sunriver Fitness and Aquatics Center (SFAC) indicated that they could be interested in selling the complex. The SCF Managing Board authorized the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to investigate the affordability and feasibility of such a purchase. While the Committee found many positive features in the building, the overall size and what we could do with such a large space, and the level of deferred maintenance and renovation the building would require, became a concern. That concern was further heightened when the owners informed us they were wanting a purchase price of \$7.1M for the entire complex. Keep in mind they only paid \$1.5M for the property. The Committee then decided to terminate discussions for obvious reasons.

Several weeks ago, the owners once again reached out to us with a proposal that they sell us only the portion of the complex that was the former Sunriver Preparatory School; the swimming pool building not included. The offer price was \$2.1M, which was not an unreasonable price if the building were a perfect fit for our needs. Unfortunately, the needed reformatting of the interior to meet our requirements and the cost of the deferred maintenance would have added significantly to our total cost of ownership. So, after much analysis and review, the Committee once again decide to terminate discussions.

The SCF Managing Board has enabled the Ad Hoc Committee to continue working to find a suitable alternative to Holy Trinity Catholic Church. That work will continue simply because we have had no communication with HTCC regarding our ongoing tenancy. We are basically on a six month rolling lease with no indication as to how HTCC intends to proceed with their plans to sell the building. The goal of the Committee is to insure that we have an exit strategy in place were one to become necessary. In the meantime, we will continue to engage with HTCC in a positive manner with the hope that some indication of their future plans will be revealed. Please feel free to contact me with your thoughts and ideas.

*Take care and blessings to all,
 Joe Huseonica*

Financial Report as of July 31, 2020		
	Actual Jan-July	Budget Jan-July
Income	\$191,260	\$199,634
Expenses	\$182,766	\$194,576
Net Income	\$ 8,374	\$ 5,058

- Ministry Team Leaders – 2020**
- Congregational Care
Pastor Nancy Green
 - Stephen Ministry
Randy Heise & Ginny Adams
 - Senior Ministry
Joe Huseonica
 - Communications
Cindy & Mark McConnell
 - Education
Rob Pearson
 - Evangelism
Shereda Benfield
 - Membership/Welcome
Jan Bull
Gail Drew
Linda Salzer
 - Outreach
Jane Boubel—UPCAP
Gary Carlson—National & International
 - Scholarship Program
Rob Pearson
 - Stewardship
Jim Adams
 - Worship
Rob Pearson

- SCF Managing Board – 2020**
- Linda Smith
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 - Vice President
Katie Hall/Patty Smith
 - Secretary
Jenny Long
 - Treasurer
Steve Austin
Gail Grauer
Roy Green
Joe Huseonica
Sandra Kendle

- SCF Endowment Board—2020**
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 - Linda Collier
Treasurer
 - Liz Haberman
Secretary
 - Paul Barthelemy
Cliff Erikson
Mike Gocke
Bill Taylor

- SCF STAFF**
- The Rev. Canon
Nancy Sargent Green
Senior Pastor
 - Dr. Robert Pearson
Associate Pastor:
 - Worship & Administration
Jan Tuckerman
Administrative Assistant

SCF FREE WHEELCHAIR MISSION FOR 2020

The Free Wheelchair Mission Campaign for SCF will be carried out this year during the month of September and will be in tribute to Bill Taylor, our SCF Angel, who matched our mission giving funds for this campaign for so many years.

This year we will collect funds for the campaign during the complete month of September and will be sending the money to the Free Wheelchair Mission during the first week of October when the mission operates their two for one matching program.

This year, when you donate money for a wheelchair, your \$80 will again purchase FOUR wheelchairs. The Free Wheelchair Mission found a "new" angel for SCF so that we will be able to continue the match of our donation before it is sent to the Free Wheelchair Mission for their matching program and enable us to again to get "four" wheelchairs for the price of one.

With the help of Pastor Nancy and the Free Wheelchair Mission, an Oregon couple has committed to match SCF donations, giving up to \$10,000, and an out of state couple will match donations over the \$10,000, up to \$25,000!!! Can you believe it!!! I'd say that Bill Taylor is looking down from heaven and smiling at these couples whom have stepped up and taken over the SCF angel match commitment. Bill was so committed to the mission of getting people up off the ground and give them the chance to improve their lives.

It is amazing to me that the \$80 cost actually gets the wheelchair manufactured, delivered to one of 83 countries around the world and delivered to the person that will use that chair to give them the mobility that will allow them to get up off the ground and out of their home to become a vital part of their community. This only happens through the commitment of thousands of volunteers to the mission and folks like you that donate to the mission so that these miracles can take place.

If you have any questions about the campaign, please feel free to give me a call. The Free Wheelchair Mission website is: freewheelchairmission.org

When making a donation to SCF for this campaign, place "Free Wheelchair Mission" on the memo line of your check.

Please mail your donation to: Sunriver Christian Fellowship 18160 Cottonwood PMB 266 Sunriver OR 97707
Thank you all for your support of this mission.

Stan Porter
(503) 910-6915



DIRECTORY UPDATES

Lillian Arnold – delete Sunriver address listed in directory; use:

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New email: arnoldlillian256@gmail.com

Steve & Liz Austin – new email: lizandsteve@bendbroadband.com

Shenny Braemer – new address:

19800 SW Touchmark Way #287, Bend, OR 97702

Same email and cell phone number

Gina Rosbrook – new email:

ginarosbrook1@gmail.com

Ted Searle – new address

415 SE 177th Ave. #420, Vancouver, WA 98683

360-984-3483

Joan Sloan – new phone: 531-306-4641

Email correction: williamjoan16@gmail.com

Louise Wilson – new address:

c/o Craig Wilson

2738 SW 28th Dr., Portland OR 97219

Phone 541-554-9859; same email

Daily Breads

The fall quarterly devotional booklet, "Daily Bread," is now available in the literature rack in the entry area to the HTCC sanctuary. They are free. The glass doors to this area are always unlocked so you can access this booklet and other printed materials at your convenience.

VISIONS OF SUGAR PLUMS

MOOS FLASH!!! I am all a teater! Visions of Sugar Plums 2020 has a new venue! Our udderly delicious baked goods, etc. will be sold in the Great Hall Barn at the Sunriver Resort. We will have ample room to “socially distance” and control the stampede to the frozen items. There will be no rump bumping! Mark your cowlendars for Saturday, November 14. It’s still a little early to hoof it into the kitchen, but be planning for all the grub you are going to prepare. And remember, we will also be selling chow time related items such as placemats, napkins, aprons, etc. So feel free to hoof it up to your sewing machine and churn out some special items!

With *Bovine* Blessings,
Your *Holy Cow*



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM UPDATE

All scholarship awards have been sent to the respective schools our recipients will be attending this fall. In spite of the COVID issues facing these students, each one is making needed adjustments to keep themselves safe while at the same time moving forward in their academic progress. Two of our recipients have changed schools this summer in order to participate in a total online program. A third recipient has decided to attend COCC this fall and live at home as a safety precaution instead of attending her earlier choice of the University of Oregon. The Scholarship Committee asks for your prayers on behalf of these young people as they navigate what will likely be a stressful school year.

One new feature of the Scholarship program is the developing of a DVD which is geared towards fundraising for the program. It will hopefully be available on the SCF website within the next month. You will be informed when it’s ready.

THANK YOU FROM SUSAN SLOAN

Dear Joan and the Prayer Shawl Knitters:

A package was delivered to our house yesterday that, upon opening, touched me to the core. What an unexpected and most delightful surprise! The hand-knit shawl is absolutely beautiful - but it’s the thought and care and time and prayers infused in each piece of yarn that makes the gift so very special.

I really can’t thank you enough for your collective generosity. The shawl will provide my husband and me with physical and spiritual warmth, quite literally, as I battle breast cancer, while your prayers give us HOPE. Thank you truly!

With *gratitude*,
Susan Sloan

Care & Share Updates

On Wednesday, September 9, there will be another collection event from 10:30 a.m.-Noon in the Maverick’s parking lot next to HTCC under the trees. Needed are 2 menu staples – chili and Mac & Cheese (not microwaveable). The need is great as we find that we are faced with increasingly bare shelves at Neighborhood Impact where we buy much of our food. Your donations of food and cash help us to help our neighbors in need. Thanks for your generous support.

<u>July Boxes Distributed</u>		<u>August Boxes Distributed</u>	
Small	42	Small	46
Medium	39	Medium	49
Large	27	Large	27
X Large	11	X Large	9
Total	119	Total	131

<u>People Served</u>		<u>People Served</u>	
Adults	289	Adult	312
<u>Children</u>	<u>135</u>	<u>Children</u>	<u>139</u>
Total	424	Total	451

The Care & Share food collection event in August was a resounding success. SCF family and friends generously donated 600 pounds of food which included over 300 cans of vegetables.

LAST HIGHWAY 97 CLEAN-UP

The final highway 97 road clean-up will be on Thursday, September 24. Interested individuals are to meet in the HTCC parking lot no later than 8:30 a.m. Bring gloves, hat, and water. If you have any questions or are confirming your participation, contact Dave Drescher at either 503-475-5500 or dnadrescher@gmail.com.

October Newsletter Deadline: September 25

Please send articles to Jan Tuckerman:
jtuckeman@chamberscable.com

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Ecumenical Services in the Episcopal and Lutheran Traditions

Sunday Service & Sunday School – 10:00 a.m.

Services held at the

Holy Trinity Church

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